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FILE NO. FO2192998

TO: ROBERT J. OLMSTED, CAPTAIN
MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT*A Tradition of Service*

DATE: November 16, 2007

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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FROM: JOHNNY G. JURADO, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISIONTO: ROBERT J. OLMSTED, CAPTAIN
MEN'S CENTRAL JAILSUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
USE OF FORCE**

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the review committee's findings and recommendations concerning the use of force incident which occurred on April 14, 2007.

The Committee met on November 15, 2007 and consisted of me and Commanders Eric B. Smith (Leadership and Training Division), and Kenneth J. Brazile (FOR II). The Committee determined the use of force by Deputy Jose Arciga # [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Deputy David Aviles # [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Deputy Marcelo Ortega # [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] and Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] was within Department policy.

Please advise the deputies of this finding.

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FROM:  JOHNNY G. JURADO, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:

DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY DAVID AVILES, # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY MARCELO ORTEGA, # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
SERGEANT GERHARD OGUREK, # [REDACTED]
SERGEANT LESLIE LARSON, # [REDACTED]
LIEUTENANT CHRISTOPHER NEE, # [REDACTED]
MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL

On Saturday, April 14, 2007, at approximately 1650 hours, Sergeant Ogurek saw inmates on 3700 A-Row passing a "fishing line" between their cells. Sergeant Ogurek believed the "fishing line" was being used to pass "pruno" and/or contraband among the cells. Sergeant Ogurek ordered the inmates to give up the "fishing line" and they refused. Sergeant Ogurek told the inmates the row would be searched if they did not comply.

Under the supervision of Sergeant Ogurek, deputies were briefed, a plan was made, and they entered the row to conduct a search. Inmates were stripped down to their underwear and shower shoes, handcuffed, then moved from their cells into the hallway.

Five of the inmates (James Taylor, Jose Murillo, Antonio Rodriguez, Wilfredo Godoy, and Irvin Orellana) refused to be handcuffed, cursed at the deputies, and would not

obey orders. The five inmates (Southside gang members) challenged the deputies to enter their cells and tried to incite other inmates not to comply. Additionally, they removed their mattresses from their beds to use them as shields, and had wrapped clothing and bedding around their heads and bodies.

They eventually complied with Sergeant Ogurek's orders and were handcuffed then escorted to the hallway without further incident. As they entered the hallway, Inmate Taylor shouted, "Puro Sur 13. Dale Gas!" (A chant typically used by Southside gang members in the jails to incite other inmates to fight deputies). The five inmates immediately turned on the deputies and tried to head butt, kick, spit bite the deputies.

Inmate Murillo tried to head butt deputies and bite them. He was taken down to the floor by Deputies [REDACTED] Deputy David Aviles, [REDACTED] Marcelo Ortega, and [REDACTED]. He continued to fight so he was ordered TASER'ed and pepper sprayed by Sergeant Ogurek.

The following deputies used force to stop the inmates from fighting with them:

Deputies [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] subdued Inmate Taylor by taking him down and using control holds to stop his fighting; Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] subdued Inmate Rodriguez by taking him down and using control holds to stop his fighting; Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] subdued Inmate Godoy by taking him down and using control holds to stop his fighting; Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] subdued Inmate Orellana by taking him down and using control holds to stop his fighting.

At LCMC at Inmate Murillo was determined to have a fractured left jaw and left orbital socket. It is believed that the fractures occurred when Inmate Murillo was taken down and his face hit the cement floor.

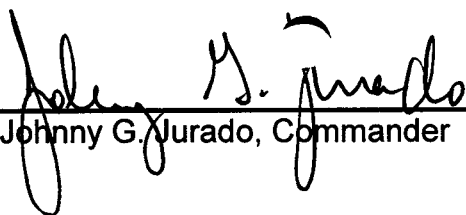
The five inmates were determined to have been under the influence of "pruno." Approximately six gallons of pruno and three loose razor blades were found in cells during the searches.

On November 15, 2007, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MMP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force ordered and used by all personnel was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MMP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by all personnel in this incident were within Department Policy.



Johnny G. Jurado, Commander

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